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1. RELIABLE CVT SOURCES REPORT THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF IMPLEMENTING A THREE-PHASE PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE THE "LIBERATED" AREAS. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, EVERYONE IS SUBJECTED TO A CENSUS THAT SEEKS TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE ACCORDING TO SIX BROAD CATEGORIES: FIRST, ACCORDING TO RANK--CIVIL SERVICE, POLICE AND MILITARY; AND, SECOND, ACCORDING TO WEALTH--RICH, MIDDLE CLASS AND POOR. AFTER THE CENSUS, THE PEOPLE ARE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR WORK AND LIVES AS BEFORE THEIR "LIBERATION". AFTER A DETERMINATION IS MADE OF WHO ARE OPINION LEADERS, THOSE SO IDENTIFIED ARE ARRESTED. EVERYONE ARRESTED, WHETHER THEY BE DISARMED ARVN TROOPS OR OPINION LEADERS SUCH AS CVT CADRE, IS SUBJECTED TO POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION. DURING THE INDOCTRINATION PERIOD FURTHER EVALUATION IS MADE AS TO THE VALUE TO THE NEW REGIME OF EACH PERSON. THOSE CONSIDERED TO BE BEYOND REHABILITATION ARE TO BE KILLED, THE FINAL PHASE OF THE PLAN.

2. CVT REPORTS PHUOC LONG, THE FIRST PROVINCE CAPTURED BY THE
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COMMUNISTS HAD TWO LEVELS OF CVT LEADERSHIP: ONE, THE NATIONAL

FEDERATION OF PLANTATION WORKERS AND, TWO, LOCAL PLANTATION UNIONS. CVT REPORTS THAT DOAN VAN GIAT, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF PLANTATION WORKERS, WAS KILLED WHILE IN JAIL. TWO OTHER FEDERATION OFFICERS, VU VAN NGOC AND TRAN BINH QUOC, ARE CURRENTLY IN JAIL. MR. QUOC HAS BEEN THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR FOR THE FEDERATION OF PLANTATION WORKERS AND CVT HAS LITTLE HOPE FOR HIS SURVIVAL. OF THE LOCAL RUBBER PLANTATION UNION, PRESIDENT TRAN VAN RIEN, VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN GNUU AND SIXTEEN MEMBERS ARE IN JAIL.

3. IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE, THE LEADING CADRE OF THE DAU TIENG CHAPTER OF PLANTATION WORKERS, NGUYEN VAN CHUNG, WAS KILLED AND CADRE NGUYEN VAN MAI IS IN JAIL.

4. IN PLEIKU, THE NATIONAL CVT COMMISSIONER FOR MR 2, NGUYEN DINH CAO, IS IN JAIL. THE LOCAL CVT REPRESENTATIVE, CAO VAN KENH, IS IN JAIL.

5. IN KONTUM, CVT REPRESENTATIVE TRAN DUY CACH, IS IN JAIL.

6. IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, CVT SECRETARY TRUONG THE HUNG IS IN JAIL.

7. IN DALAT, THE ASSISTANT CVT REPRESENTATIVE, NGUYEN VAN THAI, IS IN JAIL.

8. IN NHA TRANG, CVT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT TO DAN, A FORMER USAID PARTICIPANT TRAINEE, HEAD OF THE RAILROAD WORKERS, A WELL-KNOWN CONG NONG PARTY MEMBER AND A FORMER MEMBER OF HO CHI MINH'S STAFF IN THE DAYS OF THE VIET MINH, IS IN JAIL.

9. IN HUE, CVT PRESIDENT NGUYEN QUAN NGHIEM AND GENERAL SECRETARY LE HONG TAN ARE IN JAIL.

10. IN QUANG NGAI, CVT COUNCIL PRESIDENT PHUNG VAN DIEP IS IN JAIL.

11. IN QUANG TIN: CVT COUNCIL SECRETARY NGUYEN HUAN TONG IS IN JAIL.

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12. COMMENT: THE ABOVE REPRESENTS THE BEST INFORMATION OBTAINABLE AT THIS TIME AND IS NOT AS REVEALING AS WE KNOW IT COULD BE. THE VIETNAMESE ARE AFRAID; THEY KNOW THAT THERE ARE INFORMERS EVERYWHERE. MANY ATROCITIES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED, BUT TO TALK ABOUT THEM IS TO RISK ONE'S LIFE, IF NOT AN ENTIRE FAMILY. WE KNOW OF INCIDENTS WHERE ARVN TROOPS SURRENDERED WITHOUT INCIDENT. AND IN THE SAME VILLAGE, POPULAR FORCES WHO SURRENDERED WERE SHOT ON THE SPOT--BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSIDERED

VOLUNTEERS AGAINST THE LIBERATORS AND THE ARVN TROOPS WERE
MERELY DOING THEIR DUTY. THOSE WHO RELATE SUCH STORIES REFUSE
TO BE SPECIFIC AS TO WHERE OR WHEN THESE INCIDENTS OCCURRED, BUT
THEY ASSURE US THAT THEY HAVE HAPPENED.
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